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HERE IS AN INTERESTING STUDY OF ROLAND BURNHAM MOLINEUX FROM THE FIRST GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIM THAT HAVE BEEN PRINTED.



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THE STANDARD OIL TRUST DEFIES A COURT.

Refuses to Comply with an Order to Produce Books That Show Holdings.

Admits That \$27,000,000 in Trust Certificates Is Still Out, in Contempt.

THE COURT—Do you refuse to comply with the order of the court? STANDARD OIL TRUST—We do.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5.—In the arguments before the Supreme Court, this morning, of the motion of the Attorney-General to dismiss the master commissioner and continue the investigation of the Standard Oil Company in open court, Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland, attorney for the Oil Company, made some positive statements and admissions.

He declared, in the first place, in response to interrogatories of the court, that the company will not, under the former order of the court, produce any books other than those already given in evidence.

In the second place, he admitted that there are still outstanding about \$27,000,000 worth of trust certificates of the Standard Oil Trust, which the Court ordered dissolved in 1892.

Attorney-General Honnett and Lawyer F. B. Kinkaid appeared for the Attorney-General's Department, and Virgil P. Kline and others for the Oil Company. Only the Attorney-General and Mr. Kline addressed the Court.

Attorney-General Honnett argued that the company had produced no books in evidence, except stock books.

Mr. Kline, in reply, stated that the company had no books that were pertinent to the order of the Court, save the minute books and ledgers, which have been placed in evidence. He protested that a demand for the commercial books was a violation of the rights of the stockholders. It was at this juncture that Judge Minshall asked:

"Do you refuse to comply with the order of the court?" To which Mr. Kline replied: "We do; for the purpose of presenting legal questions to the court. This is what we want when the order is presented to the officials to produce them."

Chief Justice Spear asked: "Has your company any books showing the workings of the corporation?"

Mr. Kline replied: "We have books showing gross earnings and all financial details, and we still have them. This talk about burning them is the merest chaff."

He was then asked: "Will you produce them?" and he again said: "Will you produce them?" and he again said: "Will you produce them?"

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The Court gave the attorney of the oil and constituent companies two weeks in which to file their answers.

GROSS CHARGES ROSTAND WITH GROSS PLAGIARISM.

Chicago's Millionaire Dealer in Real Estate and Rhymes Declares He Wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Chicago, Jan. 5.—According to papers filed in the United States Circuit Court late this afternoon, Edmund Rostand is a plagiarist. S. R. Gross, a millionaire real estate dealer, of Chicago, and founder of the suburb of Grossdale, claims that he, and not Rostand, wrote the great play of "Cyrano de Bergerac," and he asks the court to enjoin Richard Mansfield, A. M. Palmer and all others who have produced the piece from further performing it.

Mr. Gross alleges that he wrote the play in 1870, twenty-three years ago, simply as a literary diversion. He also had it published, and in 1870, placed copies of it in the hands of A. M. Palmer and A. R. Casanova, Mr. Palmer's reader, for inspection. After keeping the play three or four years, Mr. Gross says, the copies were returned to him with a note from Mr. Palmer declaring the play a good one, but suggested several changes in it. These Mr. Gross would not consent to, and the play was laid away and not thought of until Richard Mansfield produced it in New York.

FOUND GOLD DUST IN CROPS OF GEES.

Supposed to Have Come from a Delaware County Creek, and There is a Rush to the Spot.

Binghamton, Jan. 5.—The gold craze has struck East Meredith, in Delaware County. James Smith, a farmer of that village, had a number of geese which he killed and dressed. He noticed specks of bright colored metal while drawing the fowls, and saving the crops, succeeded in extracting \$10 worth of gold dust.

It is supposed the fowls got the metal out of a creek that runs down a hillside on the farm, and persons from distant points of the county are flocking to the spot. Mr. Smith has already had several chances to sell his farm at fabulous prices.

PLUCKY GIRL CAUSED BURGLAR'S ARREST.

Miss Ijzen Grappled with the Intruder When She Discovered Him in Her Room.

Ida, the sixteen-year-old daughter of former Alderman Ijzen, of No. 23 St. Felix street, Brooklyn, heard a man in her bedroom, on the third floor, early yesterday morning. She jumped out of bed and dragged the intruder from behind the door.

The man fled down stairs, followed by Miss Ijzen. She called upon a neighbor, who was just coming home, and he followed the man and had him arrested.

The prisoner gave his name as William H. Rorer, and said he lived at No. 1032 De Kalb avenue. He said he was drinking.

ASBURY PARK HAS A FAIR FIRE FIGHTER.

She Is Miss Virginia Nelson, Who Has Been Elected a Member of an Engine Company.

Asbury Park is satisfied that it would be manifestly improper to call Miss Virginia Nelson a "fire laddie." The suggestion that she be designated a "fire lady" has been curtly vetoed by Miss Nelson herself.

Miss Nelson, who is very rich, and has a beautiful home in Second avenue, was made a member at the monthly meeting of the Neptune Engine and Hose Company Wednesday night. She made no attempt to conceal her delight. As for the men, they cheered her heartily.

It remains to be seen whether Miss Nelson will be presented with a uniform, suitably modified for her sex. Her friends think that if the department does not do something of that sort, she will provide a uniform for herself, for she is a very great admirer of the fire laddies and their work, and has contributed large sums to the engine and hose company.

Miss Nelson is only a contributing member so far. By making an application she may become an active member and "run with the machine."

TEALL DIVORCE TO BE TRIED HERE

Will Be Heard in New York, the Rhode Island Suit Being Abandoned.

REVENGE AS HER MOTIVE.

Balked by Her Husband's Admission of Collusion, Wants to Punish Him.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 5.—There will be no further hearing of Mrs. Ollie Sumner Teall's application for divorce, which created such a sensation when filed here some time ago. The suit was to have been tried to-morrow, but when it came up in the Supreme Court Mrs. Teall's attorney will ask for and secure a continuance on the ground that she has begun another action for divorce in New York.

Mrs. Teall now claims a residence at Bristol, but there has been trouble since the first hearing here as to whether she could establish a residence in this State to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court.

The admission, also, by Mr. Teall of collusion in order to obtain a divorce here was also looked upon as sufficient ground for a refusal, especially as Mrs. Teall has never denied this charge.

The Tealls were wedded in New York, have always lived there and the alleged new witnesses are said to be ready to rally to Mrs. Teall's support. Summonses have been issued and served, as nearly all these new witnesses are residents of New York.

Mrs. Teall, it is understood, still maintains the residence she sought to establish at Bristol and will continue to reside in this State after her divorce suit is disposed of, but she is determined to punish Ollie S. for his attempt to balk her efforts to be divorced here.

69TH WISHES TO COME HOME IN A BODY.

New York Boys Disgusted with the Order to Muster Them Out in Alabama.

Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 5.—The officers and men of the Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers are not pleased with the order requiring them to be mustered out here. A majority were anxious for active service, but if they must be mustered out at home, they may as well go home as a body and receive the plaudits of a returning regiment.

It is proposed that after their discharge the National Guard officers of the regiment shall lead the regiment home as an organization.

A regimental officer summed up the situation to-night by saying: "We were denied the privilege of fighting and now to add to our mortification we are to be sent home without colors and without arms."

BROTHERS MEET AFTER YEARS

They Thought Each Other Dead Until Chance Brought Them Together.

Hermann Berger, a Paterson manufacturer, met by chance in Jersey City yesterday his brother Carl, a salesman for a Portland house, whom he had not seen for twenty-two years. Each supposed the other dead. Both are nearly sixty years old.

Carl was about to take a car for Paterson when he saw Hermann waiting to take the same car, and asked him for information regarding trains. Then the brothers recognized each other and went to Paterson together.

HEROIC GIRL ON RUNAWAY HORSE.

Vaulted from the Carriage to Its Back and Tugged at the Reins.

THROWN TO THE STREET. A POOR ADMINISTRATOR.

Horse Runs Two Miles, but Two Women in the Veichle Are Uninjured.

The unusual sight of a horse attached to a surrey containing two screaming women and a girl sitting astride on the animal's back tugging heroically at the reins of the foam-flecked horse, was witnessed yesterday afternoon in First avenue, Elizabeth.

The girl on the horse's back was Miss Violetta Gibson, of Aldene, and the women in the carriage were her mother and a friend from Hawaii.

The horse had shied at a trolley car, and Miss Gibson, who sat in a rear seat, climbed on to the front seat and attempted to hold the horse when the rein broke. The horse, then free, dashed away on a wild run.

Nothing daunted, Miss Gibson vaulted to its back and clung there for six blocks, when by a sudden plunge of the horse she was thrown head long into the mud, but escaped serious injury.

Then the horse ran a mile with the women vainly calling for help. James Furey finally stopped the runaway after it had run two miles. The carriage and occupants were uninjured.

"DEAD TO THE WORLD." HE WANTED HIS INSURANCE.

Chicago Man Demanded Payment of His Policy Because He Had Reached a State of Perfection.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5.—Herman Jaesche, a plasterer, living at No. 1548 Avenue M, Chicago, believes himself sinless and freed from all impurities, and to have reached that state of perfection wherein he is "dead to the world."

Being dead, he concluded he ought to have the \$1,000 life insurance which he had been carrying, and accordingly, he wrote to the Mutual Benefit Association of German Baptists, in the name of his wife, demanding the money.

The association ordered its agent to investigate, and said if all was right it would pay at once. The agent informed the company that Jaesche was demented, and the \$1,000 will not be paid for awhile.

ALTGELD TO FORM A PARTY OF HIS OWN.

Its Primary Object Will Be to Defeat Mayor Harrison for Re-election.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The defeat at Springfield last night of former Governor Altgeld's friends in the formation of the new Democratic State Committee has induced the ex-Governor to undertake the formation of a new party, and his friends are making extravagant predictions as to the success of the movement, which they declare will land the ex-Governor in the Mayor's chair, or at least secure the defeat of Mayor Harrison for re-election, which is the real aim of Altgeld.

The Governor's friends declare that he will bring about the separation of the sheep from the goats in the Democratic fold. They assert that, aided by Senator Jones and others, he will prevent any slighting of silver on the part of Mayor Harrison and the dominant crowd in Illinois in 1900.

JOHN DREW IS IN AN ODD PERIL.

He Is Threatened with Being Legally Attached.

He Has Not Filed an Inventory of His Mother's Estate, Which Is in His Charge.

John Drew is in peril of being attached, as if he were a statue in marble of Paros or a comet loose among the constellations. Surrogate Arnold has signed papers threatening him.

He received them on Wednesday evening between two acts of the play that he is acting in Brooklyn, and smiled as one infinitely bored may smile. He made no comment at all.

He read them carefully. They say he has not printed an advertisement about his mother's debts; that he has not filed an inventory of her property; that he has not rendered an account of it.

He is in default. That is why he is in peril of being attached. He received letters of administration on his mother's estate on December 16, 1897. He filed a bond of \$400 then as administrator.

As an administrator he is accused of being a failure. It is astonishing that any one should be surprised at that, but Julius Lehmann, an attorney, who admires him as a player and makes the accusation against him of being delinquent as an administrator, is really amazed.

Mr. Lehmann represents the Evans Costume Company. It obtained on August 11, 1893, two notes from Mrs. Louisa Drew, guaranteed by her son, Sidney Drew. They were for costumes that she wore in playing "The Rivals" and "The Road to Ruin."

One note, for \$100, was payable at the Tabor Opera House, in Denver, Col. The other note, for \$135, was payable in the Grand Opera House, at Los Angeles, Cal. Neither had been paid, years after, when Mrs. Drew died.

The Evans Costume Company wants the money and the interest, and expected to get the sum from the estate. What the value of the estate is the company does not know and cannot learn, Mr. Drew has not filed an inventory. He has not rendered an account.

His mother died at Larchmont on August 31, 1897. Seventy years of pictures and phases of the American stage were impressed in her memory vividly. It is interesting with reference to the claim of the Evans Costume Company, that she liked to tell of the conceit of a wigmaker who said: "It isn't the costume that makes the success of the actor, it is the wig."

To avoid the peril of being attached John Drew had made the Sheriff's officers believe that they had been released.

Once in the court house yard the prisoners ran in opposite directions, with court officers and citizens in pursuit. The woman got into a carriage at Thirteenth street and started for the Michigan line. Sargent was captured.

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RUNAWAY GIRLS WERE DRESSED LIKE BOYS.

Two Fugitives from a Kentucky Reform School Bounded for Florida by Freight.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 5.—Two fugitive girls in male attire were arrested here today as they dropped off a freight train. They had stolen a ride on it from Louisville, where they escaped from the Industrial School of Reform. They were taken back to Louisville this afternoon.

The girls are Mary Fleece and Mary Rusison. Each is about sixteen years old. One was sent to the school from Paris, Ky., two years ago, and the other from Louisville a few months ago.

The girls secured their male attire in Louisville, but how has not been learned. They had no money, but intended to beat their way to Florida.

WILL TRY TO PASS CANAL BILL BY WEDNESDAY.

Morgan Anxious to Get It Through Before the Peace Treaty Can Sidetrack It.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill was resumed in the Senate to-day, but the whole afternoon was occupied by Senator Caffery in a general attack upon the measure.

Senator Morgan will try to-morrow to get an agreement to vote to the passage of the bill before Wednesday next, when the peace treaty is to be reported, since it will then occupy the attention of the Senate to the exclusion of all other legislation for at least three weeks.

Friends of the Canal bill realize that if it is pushed aside by the treaty there will be little hope of action on it by both houses at this session. If Senator Morgan succeeds the vote will probably be taken next Tuesday or Wednesday.

\$394,000 More for Ellis Island.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In a communication to Congress to-day the Secretary of the Treasury called attention to the necessity of providing, during the present session of Congress, for completing the construction of the United States Immigration Station on Ellis Island, New York. The limit of cost was fixed by Congress at \$754,150, but the Secretary says the original estimate prepared by the Treasury, \$1,150,000, was approximately correct, and he therefore asks that the limit be extended to at least \$1,125,000.

Yours truly,

H. S. Cornish

Fac-simile of the Signature of H. S. Cornish.

PRISONERS FLED WITH COURT IN FULL PURSUIT.

Minnie Witlake, the Swindler, and Her Brother Make a Break for Liberty—She Escapes.

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MYSTERY'S SECRET IN A WOMAN'S LETTER.

Barnet Received It On His Death Bed and It Is Regarded as a Valuable Clue.

Wig Makers Say It Is Possible to Effect a Complete Disguise with Hair.

The promised action of the police in the poison mystery was again deferred yesterday.

Captain McClusky, chief of detectives, continued to look wise and do nothing.

The trouble now, it is explained, is about the handwriting report. Captain McClusky is waiting for the expert to make a report. The expert is waiting until he is satisfied about some reported resemblances.

In the meantime interesting chapters continue to be added to this most extraordinary story. One of these developed yesterday is about a mysterious letter now in the hands of the police, and said to contain the secret of the poisoning of Barnet and the attempt on the life of Cornish.

Mr. Roland B. Molineux said that if his counsel, Mr. Weeks, approved, he

Fac-simile of the Signature of Roland Molineux.

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